UCC Health Director Missing in Ukraine

Dr. Jay Sloop, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) health ministries director, was reported missing Tuesday morning while working on a mission project in Kiev, Ukraine. Sloop had been in the Ukraine with a team of health professionals for three weeks helping an Adventist church in Kiev set up a lifestyle center. On Tuesday morning, Sloop left the Ukrainian Union Conference office to go on a walk before breakfast. He did not return at the expected time and has been missing since. Sloop has directed UCC health ministries after retiring from his medical career in Yakima, Wash. Please pray for search efforts and the extended Sloop and UCC office families. Updates will be available through the GLEANER website/Facebook page and UCC website/Facebook page. A blog with Sloop family updates is also online.

Executive Committee Encourages Women in Leadership

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee has voted steps which further affirm women within the church’s mission. While this stance does not address the “women’s ordination” issue, it resonates with the overall North American Division efforts to encourage and support qualified women in pathways to pastoral or administrative roles. Among other actions at its regular quarterly meeting held May 8 in College Place, Wash., the NPUC executive committee voted to: encourage local conferences to develop clear, measurable goals designed to give women opportunities in leadership positions; to gather local women leaders at least once a year to discuss their experiences, issues and lessons learned; and to encourage churches to follow the updated church manual policy on ordaining deaconesses.

Portland Students Hit the Streets

This week more than 260 Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) students, staff, area pastors and parent volunteers fanned out across Portland streets for the fifth annual all-school service day. Students did a variety of work, including graffiti removal in the neighborhoods surrounding...
PAA. "It was hard work and I'm tired now," said junior Lauryn Maher, pictured with junior Nick Gosney. "But it felt so good to see those signs cleaned up and know it helps our neighborhood." Other groups worked at food banks, homeless ministries, and on yard work for disabled and elderly people. "It's like taking the kids on a mission trip," said Heidi Woodworth, event coordinator. "We can't take them all to Fiji, but we can take them into the city. And, of course it's about helping the people, but WE come back changed."

Day of Prayer Focuses on New York Mission

May 18 is a worldwide day of prayer, remembrance and recommitment to mission. It is also an opportunity to become prayer partners for the NY13 initiative which kicks off next week. New York City has been chosen as the first of about 650 cities where the Adventist Church plans to hold evangelistic meetings during the next several years. It is an urban center whose population reflects a microcosm of the world. Church leaders are also following the counsel of Ellen White that the work done in New York City should be a "symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world." Representatives from all of the 13 divisions of the world church will be involved in this effort and the knowledge gained from their participation will allow them to be able to do a similar work in their fields.

Cancer Study Seeks Participants

The Adventist Medical Center, in Portland, Ore., is working with the American Cancer Society to find participants for a long-range study on cancer. This Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) seeks to help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer. Researchers are looking for long-term participants between ages 30–65 who can come to a Portland location for the initial visit. All follow-up surveys will be completed via mail-in forms over the next 20–30 years. If you, or someone you know, is interested in signing up for the study, visit AdventistHealthNW.com for more information.
Looking Ahead

May

16–19: 37th Annual NPUC Regional Convocation

16–19: SAGE Sprint Work Bee at MiVoden

More Events

May

Twenty years ago, a small group of people started dreaming and praying about a way to reach their Grants Pass, Ore., neighbors through TV. Today that small dream has grown to a TV network that reaches nearly 80% of Oregon homes, broadcasts into parts of California and Washington, and has plans to expand in the near future. Read more about it in the May GLEANER!
What if you could prevent even one family from hearing the words “you have cancer”?

This June, you can fight back against cancer by joining the American Cancer Society’s historic research study called the Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). By joining CPS-3, you can help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer, which will ultimately save lives.

Who can join the study?

The study is open to anyone who:

- Is willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, which involves completing periodic follow-up surveys at home for the next 20-30 years
- Is between 30 and 65 years old
- Has never been diagnosed with cancer (not including basal or squamous cell skin cancer)

How can you participate?

Participation is easy and enrollment is taking place in Portland June 12-13, 2013 at Adventist Medical Center. Your initial enrollment requires two steps and will involve the following:

- After scheduling your enrollment appointment, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to go online and complete your first, most comprehensive survey. This survey will ask you questions regarding medications you are taking, family history of cancer, lifestyle and other behaviors. This
survey must be completed prior to your appointment time.
• At your appointment, you will be asked to sign an informed consent form, complete a brief survey, and provide a waist circumference measurement and a small blood sample (similar to a doctor’s visit). The blood sample will be taken by a certified, trained phlebotomist. Your appointment should last approximately 20-30 minutes.

To schedule your appointment, visit www.cps3portland.com

What else can you do?

If you are not eligible to enroll, be an advocate for Cancer Prevention Study-3. Encourage those close to you to take part in this potentially life-saving study in your honor. Spread the word to everyone you know.

For more information visit visit cancer.org/cps3 or call 888-604-5888.

June Information:

Adventist Medical Center, Education Center B
10123 SE Market St.
Portland, OR 97216

Wednesday, June 12 - 2:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 - 8:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

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